Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound Compound of the formula

$$Z \xrightarrow{Q} X \xrightarrow{CH_{2}} Y \xrightarrow{Q} X \xrightarrow{CH_{2}} M \xrightarrow{Q} X \xrightarrow{R^{2}} X \xrightarrow{CH_{2}} M \xrightarrow{Q} X \xrightarrow{R^{2}} X$$

in which

A is a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing saturated heterocycle which is bonded via the nitrogen atom to the keto group and which optionally has a carbonyl group adjacent to a nitrogen atom,

or

a radical
$$\stackrel{\star}{-}$$
 $N \stackrel{-}{-}$ $CH_2 \stackrel{-}{-}_0 E \stackrel{-}{-}_0$,

in which

E is (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkanediyl, (C_5-C_7) -cycloalkenediyl or is 5- to 10-membered heterocyclyl which is bonded via a carbon atom to the $[CH_2]_0$ group,

- o is 0, 1 or 2,
- R^3 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and
- * is the point of linkage to the keto group,
- m 0, 1 or 2,
- n is 1, 2, 3 or 4,
- R^1 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl,
- R^2 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl,
- X is a bond, -CH=CH-, -C≡C- or O,
- Y is O, *-NH-C(=O)- or NH,

* is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

and

Z is located in the position meta or para to the substituent X and is either (C_6-C_{10}) alkoxy which may comprise 1 or 2 further oxygen atoms in the chain,

or

a radical $\stackrel{\star}{\longrightarrow}$ G-L-M-R⁴,

in which

- G is a bond, O or S,
- L is (C_1-C_6) -alkanediyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenediyl or (C_3-C_6) -alkynediyl,
- M is a bond, O or S,
- is (C₆-C₁₀)-aryl, biphenylyl, phenoxyphenyl, benzyloxyphenyl, (E)-phenylvinylphenyl, 2-phenylethylphenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzyl, heteroaryl, 5- to 10-membered heterocyclyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl or (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkylmethyl, where aryl, biphenylyl, phenoxyphenyl, benzyloxyphenyl, (E)-phenylvinylphenyl, 2-phenylethylphenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl and cycloalkylmethyl in turn may be substituted up to three times independently of one another by halogen, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, and
- * is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts and solvates thereof or a salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound Compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1,

A is a 4- to 6-membered nitrogen-containing saturated heterocycle which is bonded via the nitrogen atom to the keto group,

or

a radical
$$+ N - CH_2 - E - CH_2 - C$$

- E is (C₅-C₆)-cycloalkanediyl,
- o is 0 or 1,
- R³ is hydrogen, and
- * is the point of linkage to the keto group,
- m is 0 or 1,
- n is 1, 2 or 3,
- R¹ is hydrogen,
- R² is hydrogen,
- X is a bond or O,
- Y is O or *-NH-C(=O)-,

* is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

and

Z is located in the position meta or para to the substituent X and is either (C₇-C₉)-alkoxy, which may comprise 1 further oxygen atom in the chain,

or

a radical
$$\stackrel{\star}{-}G-L-M-R^4$$
,

- G is a bond or O,
- L is (C_1-C_6) -alkanediyl or (C_3-C_6) -alkenediyl,
- M is a bond, O or S,
- R⁴ is phenyl, naphthyl, biphenylyl, phenoxyphenyl, benzyloxyphenyl, (E)-phenylvinylphenyl, 2-phenylethylphenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzyl, 1,3-dioxanyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, dimethyl-1,3-dioxanyl, tetrahydro-2H-pyranyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl or (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkylmethyl, where phenyl, naphthyl, biphenylyl, phenoxyphenyl, benzyloxyphenyl, (E)-phenylvinylphenyl, 2-phenylethylphenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, benzyl, cycloalkyl and cycloalkylmethyl in turn may be substituted up to three times independently of one another by halogen, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy,

 (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkylmethoxy or (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkoxy, and

* is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts and solvates thereof or a salt thereof .

3. (Currently Amended) The compound Compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1,

in which

 $A-[CH_2]_m-CO_2R^1$

is a radical

in which

* is the point of linkage to the keto group,

n is 3,

R² is hydrogen,

X is a bond,

Y is O,

and ··· · · · · ·

Z is located in the position para to the substituent X and is either n-octyloxy, n-heptyloxy,

or

in which

* is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

or

a radical
$$\overset{*}{-}G-L-M-R^4$$

in which

G is O,

L is methanediyl, n-propanediyl or n-butanediyl,

M is a bond or O,

- R^4 is phenyl, 4-biphenylyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, 4-benzyloxyphenyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphth-6-yl, 5,5-dimethyl-1,3-dioxan-2-yl or cyclohexyl, where phenyl in turn may be substituted once by halogen, trifluoromethoxy, (C_3-C_4) -alkyl, (C_3-C_4) -alkoxy, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkylmethoxy, and
- * is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts and solvates thereof or a salt thereof .

4. (Currently Amended) The compound Compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1,

in which

$$A-[CH_2]_m-CO_2R^1$$

is a radical

- * is the point of linkage to the keto group,
- n is 3,
- R² is hydrogen,
- X is a bond,
- Y is O,

and

Z is located in the position para to the substituent X, and is either n-octyloxy, n-heptyloxy,

or

in which

* is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

or

a radical *-O-CH₂-R⁴,

- R⁴ is phenyl, 4-biphenylyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, 4-benzyloxyphenyl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphth-6-yl, where phenyl in turn may be substituted once by trifluoromethoxy, n-propyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, n-propyloxy, isopropyloxy, isobutyloxy, cyclohexyl or cyclopropylmethoxy, and
- * is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

or

in which

- R⁴ is 4-chlorophenyl, 5,5-dimethyl-1,3-dioxan-2-yl or cyclohexyl, and
- * is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

or

- R⁴ is phenyl or cyclohexyl, and
- * is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,
- and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts and solvates thereof or a salt thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The compound Compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1,

in which

 $A-[CH_2]_m-CO_2R^1$

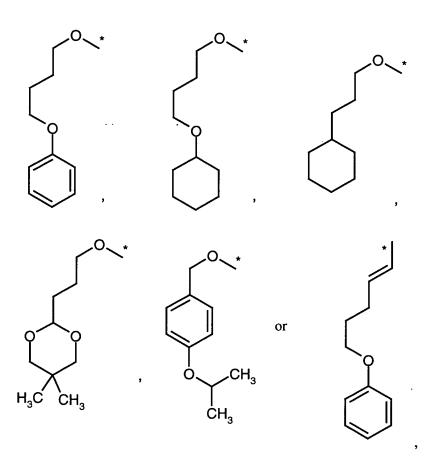
is a radical

in which

- * is the point of linkage to the keto group,
- n is 3,
- R² is hydrogen,
- X is a bond,
- Y is O,

and

Z is located in the position para to the substituent X and is a radical



in which

* is the point of linkage to the phenyl ring,

and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts and solvates thereof $\ \underline{or}\ a\ salt\ thereof$.

- 6. (Currently Amended) The compound Compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is:
 - 3-{[(3-carboxycyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-{3-[4-(4-phenoxybutoxy)-phenyl]propoxy}benzoic acid,

3-{[(3-carboxycyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-{3-[4-(3-cyclohexylpropoxy)phenyl]-propoxy}benzoic acid,

3-{[(3-carboxycyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-(3-{4-[4-(cyclohexyloxy)butoxy]phenyl}-propoxy)benzoic acid,

1-(5-carboxy-2-{3-[4-(3-cyclohexylpropoxy)phenyl]propoxy}benzoyl)piperidine-4-carboxylic acid,

3-{[(3-carboxycyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-(3-{4-[(4-isopropoxybenzyl)oxy]phenyl}-propoxy)benzoic acid,

3-{[3-(carboxymethyl)azetidin-1-yl]carbonyl}-4-{3-[4-(3-cyclohexylpropoxy)-phenyl]propoxy}benzoic acid or

3-{[(3-carboxycyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-(3-{4-[(1E)-5-phenoxypent-1-en-1-yl]phenyl}propoxy)benzoic acid

and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts and solvates thereof or a salt thereof .

7. (Currently Amended) Process A process for preparing a compound of compounds of the formula (I) as defined in Claim 1, comprising characterized in that

either

[A] reacting a compound compounds of the formula (II)

$$Z \xrightarrow{Q} X + CH_{2} +$$

in which

$$R^2$$
 is (C_1-C_6) -alkyl and

n, X, Y and Z have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

are reacted with compounds with a compound of the formula (III)

$$H \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow M$$
 (III),

in which

$$R^1$$
 is (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and

m and A have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

or

[B1] reacting a compound compounds of the formula (IVa)

$$Z$$
 $X - CH_2 - Q^1$ (IVa),

in which

Q¹ is a leaving group and

n, X and Z have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

are reacted with compounds with a compound of the formula (Va)

HO
$$O = A - CH_2 - CH_$$

in which

 R^1 and R^2 are $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ -alkyl, and

A and m have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

or

[B2] reacting a compound compounds of the formula (IVb)

$$Z$$
 $X \leftarrow CH_2$ $n-1$ Q^2 (IVb),

in which

Q² is an acid chloride group, and

n, X and Z have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

are reacted with compounds with a compound of the formula (Vb)

R¹ and R² are (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and

A and m have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

or

[B3] reacting a compound compounds of the formula (IVa)

$$X - CH_2$$
 Q^1 (IVa),

in which

Q¹ is a leaving group and

n, X and Z have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

are reacted with compounds with a compound of the formula (Vb)

 R^1 and R^2 are (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and

A and m have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

or

[C] reacting a compound compounds of the formula (XII)

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in which

 R^1 and R^2 are (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and

n, m, X, Y and A have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

are reacted with compounds with a compound of the formula (XIII)

$$R^4$$
-M-L- Q^3 (XIII),

Q³ is a leaving group and

R⁴, M and L have the meaning indicated in Claim 1,

or

- [D] <u>hydrolysing</u> the two ester groups in <u>the compound</u> eompounds prepared by process step [A], [B1], [B2], [B3] or [C] are hydrolysed.
- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Currently Amended) <u>A pharmaceutical composition</u> <u>Medicament</u> comprising at least one compound of the formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 and at least one excipient.
- 10. (Currently Amended) <u>A pharmaceutical composition</u> <u>Medicament</u> comprising at least one compound of the formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 and at least one further active ingredient.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method of treating or preventing Use of compounds of the formula

 (I) as defined in Claim 1 for producing medicaments for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of cardiovascular disorders, comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the cardiovascular disorder is Use according to Claim 11 for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of unstable angina pectoris or myocardial infarction.